

Best Books for Kids

Late Elementary



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The books on this list for [late elementary](#) were recommended by at least 3 of the following sources:

1. [1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up](#) by Julia Eccleshare
2. [100 Best Books for Children](#) by Anita Silvey
3. [The Read-Aloud Handbook](#) by Jim Trelease
4. [Babies Need Books](#) by Dorothy Butler
5. [Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children](#) by Valerie V. Lewis and Walter M. Mayes
6. [What to Read When](#) by Pam Allyn
7. [Best Books for Boys: A Resource for Educators](#) by Matthew Zbaracki
8. [The New York Times Parents' Guide to the Best Books for Children](#) by Eden Ross Lipson

Author	Title	Source	Read?
Jacques	Redwall	7	
Lewis	Chronicles of Narnia series	7	
Rowling	Harry Potter series	7	
Babbitt	Tuck Everlasting	6	
Konigsburg	From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	6	
L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time	6	
Paulsen	Hatchet	6	
Alexander	Chronicles of Prydain series	5	
Almond	Skellig	5	
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	5	
Burnett	The Secret Garden	5	
Curtis	Bud, Not Buddy	5	
DiCamillo	Because of Winn-Dixie	5	
Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth	5	
Knight	Lassie Come Home	5	
Lowry	The Giver	5	
Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables	5	
Naylor	Shiloh	5	
Norton	The Borrowers	5	
Paterson	Bridge to Terabithia	5	
Raskin	The Westing Game	5	

Rawls	Where the Red Fern Grows	5	
Sachar	Holes	5	
Soto	Baseball in April and Other Stories	5	
Spinelli	Maniac Magee	5	
Taylor	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	5	
Wilder	Little House series	5	
Banks	The Indian in the Cupboard	4	
Brink	Caddie Woodlawn	4	
Cooper	The Dark is Rising series	4	
Cushman	Catherine, Called Birdy	4	
Dahl	James and the Giant Peach	4	
Dahl	The BFG	4	
D'Aulaire	D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths	4	
du Bois	The Twenty-One Balloons	4	
Eager	Half Magic	4	
Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy	4	
George	Julie of the Wolves	4	
George	My Side of the Mountain	4	
Horowitz	Alex Rider series	4	
Le Guin	A Wizard of Earthsea	4	
Levine	Ella Enchanted	4	
Lowry	Number the Stars	4	
Murphy	The Great Fire	4	
Myers	Harlem	4	
O'Brien	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	4	
O'Dell	Island of the Blue Dolphins	4	
Peck	A Long Way From Chicago	4	
Pullman	His Dark Materials series	4	
Streatfeild	Ballet Shoes	4	
Tan	The Arrival	4	
Tolkien	The Hobbit	4	
Armstrong	Souder	3	
Bauer	On My Honor	3	
Bellairs	The House with a Clock in Its Walls	3	
Bloor	Tangerine	3	
Blume	Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret	3	
Boston	The Children of Green Knowe	3	
Burnford	The Incredible Journey	3	
Byars	Summer of the Swans	3	
Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	3	
Cleary	Dear Mr. Henshaw	3	

Clements	Frindle	3	
Coerr	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	3	
Collier	My Brother Sam is Dead	3	
Creech	Walk Two Moons	3	
Curtis	The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963	3	
Dahl	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	3	
Dahl	Matilda	3	
DiCamillo	The Tale of Despereaux	3	
Dorris	Morning Girl	3	
Frank	Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	3	
Gantos	Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	3	
Giff	Lily's Crossing	3	
Gipson	Old Yeller	3	
Hesse	Out of the Dust	3	
Holling	Paddle-to-the-Sea	3	
Howe	Bunnicula series	3	
Jarrell	The Animal Family	3	
Kinney	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	3	
Konigsburg	The View from Saturday	3	
Lester	To Be a Slave	3	
Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking	3	
London	The Call of the Wild	3	
Morey	Gentle Ben	3	
Mowat	Owls in the Family	3	
Napoli	Zel	3	
Nesbit	Five Children and It	3	
Pearce	Tom's Midnight Garden	3	
Peet	Bill Peet: An Autobiography	3	
Pullman	The Ruby in the Smoke	3	
Rawlings	The Yearling	3	
Robinson	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	3	
Sachs	The Bear's House	3	
Schwartz	Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark	3	
Selznick	The Invention of Hugo Cabret	3	
Sewell	Black Beauty	3	
Speare	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	3	
Spinelli	Wringer	3	
Spyri	Heidi	3	
Stevenson	Treasure Island	3	
Taylor	The Cay	3	